

Passaic, Hackensack and Newark Bay Remediation Branch Weekly Report
July 8, 2020
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RA or DD updates for the week of July 13, 2020:

Hot Issues:

Past Week:

Upcoming:

Regional Administrator's Pending Action Items:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date Sent to RA's Office</u>	<u>Required By/Due Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>

Other Items of Special Interest:

Non-RA Highlights:

Events List:

<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
CAG Meeting	7/9/20	7/9/20	2	CAG	Regular Update	Virtual	

Milestone Tracker:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Projected Date</u>
Diamond Alkali OU4	PRAP	Diane Salkie	2020/4
Pierson's Creek OU2	ROD	Pam Tames	2021/1
Riverside Industrial Park	ROD	Josh Smeraldi	2020/4

Diamond Alkali OU1 (Lister Avenue):

- 2019 Annual Groundwater Report, Groundwater Sampling Event No. 10, and GWWS Update/Hydraulic Gradient Update was submitted 6/1/20.
- Site Evaluation Report Addendum comments from NJDEP received. Comments from EPA team and NJDEP have been compiled **Exemption 5, Deliberative/Pre-decisional**
 - Submittal of Revised Remedy Evaluation Report – 6 weeks from approval of Site Evaluation Report Addendum.
- GSH submitted revised and updated DASS Operation and Maintenance QAPP
- FYR draft available on SharePoint
- Oversight bill sent to GSH

Diamond Alkali OU2 (8.3 miles):

- Exemption 5, Attorney-client communication, Attorney work product; Exemption 7(a), Enforcement [REDACTED]
- PSE&G field work restarted successfully last Thursday. The new protocol for collecting sediment cores using vibracoring for the first five feet and sonic coring for the rest of the core is working.
- Conference calls with Occidental-Glenn Springs continue to discuss EPA's comments on the 60% design. The second of at least three cap design calls will be held this Thursday.

Diamond Alkali OU3 (Newark Bay Study Area):

- Submitted EPA's BERA back-check comments on 7/2
- EPA preparing additional clarification requested on PRG-RAO comments based on input from ORC and EPA management
- Submitted comments on GSH Identification of Candidate Technologies and Technology on Screening Technical Memo on 7/2. NJDEP was not able to submit comments
- Received comments from ORC and PHNBRB Brach Chief on draft Shooters Island Memo, memo is being revised to include comments
- GSH submitted complete NBSA RI document on 7/9, document under review by EPA, NJDEP and NYSDEC
- Oversight bill sent to GSH

Diamond Alkali OU4 (17-Mile):

- Comments on the CPG's response to comments on the draft interim remedy FS are under review by ORC and will be sent by the end of the week.
- Received comments from NJDEP on the draft interim remedy FS; these are under review, and a meeting will be scheduled with NJDEP to discuss which comments EPA is sending to CPG and which will not be, and why
- Once the call with NJDEP is scheduled to discuss their comments on the draft interim remedy FS, a call will be scheduled with Mark Pedersen to present EPA's comparative analysis of the alternatives
- Draft PRAP is under review by BC; will be sent to Chloe and ORC by the end of the week.
- Submitted Supplemental Memo for the final CSTAG meeting to EPA technical team for additional information and review.
- The draft interim remedy FS will be presented to the CAG at the meeting on 7/09

Universal Oil Products:

- RD workplan addenda are anticipated by July 15th.
- Tide gate approved, likely to go in this week. Sampling in that area planned for approximately 2 months after installation.
- Vapor intrusion report submitted – under review.
- Oversight contractors reviewing GW discharge monitoring report – 2009 QAPP referenced, informed Honeywell that they need an upgrade to UFP-QAPP format. No response on planned date of UFP-QAPP submittal.

Berry's Creek Study Area:

- Received document tracking table from ELM.

- Rebuild by Design tasking WSP to evaluate sediment scour from the pump station discharge. Not sure of timing because of anticipated NJDEP furloughs. Meeting scheduled for July 23rd.
- Baseline Monitoring water and fish sampling in August.
- Will send a letter to State of New Jersey to assist with obtaining information regarding bridges in project area.

Ventron/Velsicol:

- No comments on warehouse construction document. Revised O&M plan needs a UFP-QAPP (currently in old format). We will approve work completed and work out new OM&M plan after. Received draft Deed Notice update.

Standard Chlorine:

- RD/RA: Sent comments in redline on Final (100%) RD main text. ARARs table under review. NJDEP responded that it had no further comments.
- O&M: Ongoing.
- Anthony Pilawski, Section Chief, Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals responded with no update available from his management on 121e permit for sludge disposal, did not respond to request as to who NJDEP legal contact is for the 121e permit exemption.
- Redevelopment:
 - Provided comments on June 23 to Morris/TRC on revised RA Work Plan Addendum. Expect Morris/TRC will then make changes and make formal submittal to NJDEP.
 - Chemical and geotechnical analyses for Pre-Design Investigation for replacement slurry wall expected by end of June/July. Preliminary Design expected August/September.
 - Next redevelopment fieldwork plan anticipated to be submitted by/through KEY is sewer/water; scope of work currently in discussions among HClA/Morris, Kearny Municipal Utilities Authority, NJ Transit. Other redevelopment components for EPA review will be Spine Road, stormwater, Building 3 construction.
 - Closing date for Koppers property transfer has moved ahead a month to July 15 due to COVID.

Pierson's Creek:

- EPA has conditionally approved the draft RI and BHHRA as long as Troy accepts all of our latest comments. The approval letter went out on 6/18/20.
- A conference call was held on 6/23/20 with Troy to discuss the RAOs. The revised RAOs were sent to Geosyntec on 6/29/20.
- Received the draft SOW and AOC back from 429 Delancy on 9/17/19. A call was held with 429 Delancy on 11/20. Received the latest draft AOC from Amelia on 3/24 for review. 429 Delancy is not happy with this latest revision and is preparing a response. On 6/15/20, EPA received 429's redline strikeout. 429 has been given permission to rent their fenced in paved area of their property. EPA will continue to have access as needed for PFAS sampling.
- The Troy invoice was sent out on 4/27/20. Troy requested and received a 30-day extension for payment and they also have some questions about the SCORPIOS report. ORC sent a response to Troy on 6/3/20 answering their questions on the SCORPIOS.
- The future buyer (Salomone) of the Globe Metals (Oberwill) property performed construction on the site and dug up the unnamed tributary adjacent to Globe/Troy and replaced it with piping and drainage features. The Oberwill and Salomone notice letters were sent out on 4/20/20. A conference call was held on 5/7/20 to discuss. CDM assessed the soil stockpiles on 5/5/20 to determine if additional stabilization measures are necessary. Not all the piles are fully covered. We

will have CDM sample the piles for disposal and have RCRA determine if the piles are considered hazardous or non-hazardous. Salomone has told ORC that they want to stabilize the piles under an Order with EPA. Exemption 5, Attorney-client communication, Attorney work product, Deliberative/Pre-decisional, Exemption 7(a), Enforcement

[REDACTED] This letter is circulating for Eric Wilson's signature. NJDEP will be sending a NAV to Salomone and/or Oberwill shortly.

- Working on the RAF contracting reviews for the OU1 FS work. CO sent a letter to the top three companies this week asking for their staffing plans for the FS. The companies have responded, their responses reviewed and the final AEEB memo has been sent to the CO.

Riverside Industrial Park:

- On 6/23, EPA sent the RLSO version of the FS to PPG, conditionally approved.
- On 6/25, PPG requested a meeting to discuss their concerns over the RLSO version of the FS. PPG believes that certain statements in the RLSO of the FS were not factual. PPG provided a written response of their concerns on 6/30. We are reviewing and plan to provide an updated RLSO of the FS later this week.
- We are presenting the FS to the Passaic CAG on Thursday 7/9.
- The Technical Support team, ORC, and management have reviewed and provided comments on the draft proposed plan. The proposed plan was sent to HQ and NJDEP on 7/2.
- A draft of the community involvement plan has been completed and is under review. This plan will coincide with the release of the proposed plan this summer.

Scientific Chemical Processing (SCP):

- A hotel is being constructed across Gotham Parkway from SCP (to the north). We are evaluating whether vapor intrusion might be a concern. We are also negotiating placement of injection and monitoring wells called for in Phase 2 of the Northern Area remedy – the hotel owner does not want wells in his parking lot in view of the hotel's public spaces.